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FISHERIES & ARD DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

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No.18843—FARD-VP-3VP-0038/2024/FARD.— The State Cabinet in their 10th meeting held on dated 13th November, 2024 have approved the proposal for implementation of the New state sector scheme “Goal for Management and Treatment of Animals(GOMATA)” under F & ARD Department.

Introduction :

Animal husbandry is a crucial component of rural livelihoods in Odisha, particularly for small and marginal farmers who rely on it for both income and employment. This sector contributes about 3% to the State's Gross Domestic Product (GSDP). The Fisheries & Animal Resources Development Department (F&ARD) has been working to support this sector through an extensive network of 541 Veterinary Hospitals/Dispensaries, 3,239 Livestock Aid Canters (LACs), and 314 Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs) delivering services such as healthcare, breeding, preventive vaccinations, and scientific management practices.

However, despite these efforts, several challenges continue to limit the potential of the livestock sector in Odisha. The occurrence of livestock diseases, availability of quality vaccine and low awareness among farmers about best practices in animal health management hinder productivity. These issues lead to reduced meat, milk, and egg production, directly impacting the income of farmers. Additionally, the difficulty in reaching remote areas also limits the access to timely veterinary interventions.

To overcome these challenges and enhance the productivity of the livestock sector, there is need for a more comprehensive and robust healthcare system. This should include the provision of essential and lifesaving medicines and vaccines at Veterinary Hospitals, Dispensaries, and LACs, as well as the efficient operation of MVUs to ensure that veterinary services reach even the most remote villages. Quality vaccine production is

also critical to the success of preventive vaccination programs, which can protect livestock and poultry from disease outbreaks. Similarly, strengthening disease surveillance systems will enable the State to monitor and control disease outbreaks more effectively. Further, the engagement of support staff such as program assistants and laboratory assistants will further streamline service delivery, ensuring efficient implementation of healthcare programs.

To address these gaps and create a more efficient animal healthcare system, the Department has proposed the implementation of the umbrella scheme “Goal for Management and Treatment of Animals (GOMATA)” with a budgetary allocation of **Rs.342.6587 Cr** for three years i.e from the year 2024-25 to 2026-27 with an aim to support farmers on preventive & curative health care of livestock. The implementation of the scheme will facilitate phase wise vaccination of 2.5 Cr livestock & treatment of 1.30 Cr livestock annually.

Scheme details: -

The Scheme “Goal for Management and Treatment of Animals” (GOMATA) is an umbrella scheme which comprises of following four sub-schemes.

i. Support to vaccine production and Disease Control Institutions:

This sub-scheme aims at production of vaccines for prevention of disease, in time diagnosis, surveillance, monitoring of diseases of livestock and poultry to minimize economic loss of farmers. Under the scheme, support is extended to the two vaccine production institutes i.e Odisha Biological Products Institute, Bhubaneswar and its satellite unit at Berhampur for production of **seven** different livestock & poultry vaccines. Similarly, the State level referral laboratory i.e Animal Disease Research Institute (ADRI), Phulnakhara, 26 Dist. Diagnosis Laboratories (DDLs), 3 Clinical Investigation laboratories (CILs) and 1 State Veterinary Laboratories (SVL) is supported for disease diagnosis monitoring & surveillance. Under this sub-scheme, budget outlay of **Rs.31.3567 Cr** has been provisioned for 3 years i.e 2024-25 to 2026-27.

ii. Mobile Veterinary Unit (MVU):

Under this sub scheme health care, breeding & advisory services is provided at the door step of farmers in the interior villages where veterinary institutions are far away. These MVUs are also instrumental in providing animal healthcare services during natural calamity, outbreaks & emergency. Besides, these MVUs provide emergency healthcare for stray and destitute animals through the statewide Animal Helpline Call Centre. Each Mobile Veterinary unit consists of a Veterinary Doctor, Attendant and a Driver. Under this

sub-scheme, budget outlay of **Rs.60.7799 Cr** has been provisioned for 3 years i.e 2024-25 to 2026-27.

iii. Provision of livestock health care services:

This sub-scheme ensures availability of essential live saving drugs & need based medicines for curative treatment, deworming, castration of livestock, operation etc. at the institution level as well as in MVU & deworming camps at village level. Further, it aims to ensure proper management and disposal of Bio-Medical wastes generated during treatment of Livestock and birds from 541 veterinary Hospitals and dispensaries in the State following the guidelines of Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules 2016. The budget outlay for the sub-scheme is **Rs.220.0001 Cr** for 3 years i.e 2024-25 to 2026-27.

iv. Strengthening of Livestock and Animal Husbandry Programme Delivery at Block level:

The sub-scheme supports better animal husbandry service delivery by engaging Programme Assistant in each block veterinary dispensary. The Programme Assistants also provides hand holding support to the farmers for different livelihood programmes in ARD Sector. The budget outlay for the sub-scheme is **Rs.30.522 Cr** for 3 years i.e 2024-25 to 2026-27.

By Order of the Governor
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